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WHEAT KING RESTS AT RANCH

DESERTS CHICAGO EXCHANGE
AND COMES TO NEW MEXICO
FOR RECREATION.

PATTEN AT VERMEJO PARK

WILL SPEND SOME TIME IN COL-
FAX COUNTY AS GUEST OF
W. H. BARTLETT.

END OF BIG BULL MARKET

SLUMP IN WHEAT PIT, PRICES
DROPPING EIGHT AND ONE-
HALF CENTS.

Trinidad, Colo., April 22.—James A. Patten, Chicago's wheat king, reported yesterday to have deserted the wheat battle to inspect the crop for himself, arrived here today and left shortly afterwards for Tercio, Colo., from where he will drive to the ranch of W. H. Bartlett, near Vermejo Park, N. M., a trip of twenty-five miles. Patten is nervous and tired and replied shortly to the reporter, who asked him his plans. He refused to answer, when asked if he was inspecting the crops. He will spend some time at the ranch for a rest.

At the hotel where Patten rested, the clerk warned him that it would be dangerous to attempt a passage from Tercio to the Bartlett ranch because of the blizzard raging. "I don't care," replied the traveler, "I want rest, and I'm going after it."

The stage cannot reach the ranch before nightfall and the roads are dangerous because of the tremendous landslides.

Campaign Abandoned.
Chicago, April 22.—The report that the bull campaign in wheat has been abandoned is afloat. The question also arises, has James A. Patten changed his views?

These questions were current when the slump in wheat continued today, prices reaching a point 8 to 8 1/2 cents under the high point last week, when Patten declared that wheat was worth every cent paid for it. When repeatedly asked if he had a corner on May and July deliveries, Patten denied he had, asserting that actual users of wheat were responsible for the price. Since then the market has been declining in such a way that ordinary followers of Patten are unable to explain.

Today instead of the recovery expected, the market opened nervous and weak. The bears jubilantly pressed the advantage, pointing to weak foreign markets as indicating that there is no world-wide shortage of wheat. Armour, who in a recent interview, upheld the Patten view, is reported selling in the Liverpool market.

In the Bartlett-Patten offices the break was characterized as a flurry. Patten's allies said, "Wait." The 8-cent decline has made a big hole in the paper profits, although no one knows how much. Also there has been heavy actual losses among the traders, whose resources have given out.

Bears Active.
Chicago, April 22.—There was a further tremendous drive at the so-called wheat corner today which many traders say spells the end of the big bull market. July at the close touched 1.09% and May 1.21.

Blame Patten.
Four prominent houses are said to have sold an aggregate of 7,000,000 bushels during the day. Stop loss orders poured into the wheat pit so fast that the brokers seldom could execute within three-fourths of a cent of the price aimed at. The week's decline has wiped out nearly a million dollars' profit, not all paper. Many brokers long on wheat, but who waited for a higher price, are bitter.

Much blame is placed on Patten for leaving the market before the bull campaign reached a safer stage.

Fine Fall of Snow.

Residents of Las Vegas were greatly surprised this morning to find on arising that there had been a heavy fall of snow during the night. Snow continued to fall slowly all morning but melted rapidly before the rising sun. The total fall, according to the government weather bureau station at the Plaza hotel was five inches which amounted to a half inch of precipitation. The snow is a great boon to the farmers.

It is not an unusual as generally believed, to have a snow storm this late in the season. Last year a half inch of snow fell April 23rd and in 1907 there was nine inches April 20th, four inches April 21, three inches April 28th and 1 1/2 inches April 30.

Stockmen Protesting.

Stockmen in the vicinity of Tercio, are almost up in arms at the action of the New Mexico cattle sanitary board in condemning and killing some of their work stock in an effort to stamp out glanders, which disease has been alarmingly prevalent among horses there and elsewhere in the territory.

The committee of the sanitary board having this matter in charge has given the contagion much thought and consideration and has been prompted in any action taken by the best intentions only, considering the greatest good to the greatest number. Captain W. H. Jack, a member of the committee, is expected to reach Las Vegas from the north this evening, when he may be able to give out some additional information concerning the matter.

DAUGHTERS BALLOT FOR NEW PRESIDENT

Washington, April 22.—The campaign of rival candidates for president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been conducted with a vigor never before witnessed in the history of the organization. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of Illinois, the so-called administration candidate, and Mrs. Wm. Cummings Story of New York, termed the anti-administration candidate, were both given an ovation on entering. Pandemonium reigned after the two women had been nominated. Many seconding speeches were made and the balloting began.

TEACHERS SELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR

At an adjourned meeting of the city board of education last evening all members were present, excepting Messrs. C. C. Robbins and A. A. Sena.

It was moved that the election of teachers be had at this meeting, there being no city election this year and consequently no new boards to take part in the election of teachers. The following teachers were re-elected: Misses Irene Whitmore, Minnie Craig, Laura Hallock, Elba D. Stonerod, Mrs. Grace B. Hall, Minnie Kohn, Lida G. Vasse, Loyola Dillon, Florence Scott, Muriel Hill, Grace Dotts, Daisy Paine, Louise Sporleder, Cornelia Murray, Helen Papen, Antonio Lucero and Prof. Rufus Mead. Miss Katherine Meehen and Miss M. Fisher not applying again. It was left to the teachers' committee and Mr. Mead to fill these vacancies.

It was moved that a resolution of appreciation be drafted of the good service Miss Fisher had rendered the public schools during the years she had taught here.

A petition signed by all the teachers asking the board for an increase in salary was read and referred to the committee on finance and President W. G. Haydon.

Will Withhold Action.

Washington, April 22.—A brief dispatch has been received at the state department from Consul General West at Vancouver, B. C., concerning the seizure of the schooner Woodbury by a Dominion cruiser for alleged illegal fishing. West says that a full report was sent by mail and no action will be taken, pending its arrival.

BIG DAMAGE BY BRIEF STORM SPREADS FAST

FIVE KILLED AT CLEVELAND BY
A FIVE MINUTE HUR-
RICANE.

PROPERTY LOSS ONE MILLION

TERRIBLE GALE COMES OFF LAKE
AND DARKNESS FALLS AT
NOONDAY.

SCORES SERIOUSLY INJURED

WIRES DOWN IN HOPELESS TAN-
GLES, ROOFS WERE LIFTED
AND HOMES WRECKED.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 22.—Survivors of the storm yesterday, show several killed and scores injured. Several will die. The property damage is placed at a million dollars. The weather bureau recorded a wind velocity of 65 miles an hour, but it is believed that in the path of the storm the wind was 75 miles an hour. Five were killed at Cleveland and two at Ashtabula.

Fred Gruggel committed suicide during the height of the storm because he was afraid he was about to be killed. He rushed into a barn out of the rain and drank carbolic acid. The storm arose suddenly and lasted just five minutes. At 12:30 the sun was shining brightly. At 12:33 the city was dark. From the northeast of the lake came a 66 mile gale and heavy rain. People were blown off their feet and hurled against buildings, in many cases to be struck down by bricks and timbers which filled the air.

Roofs were lifted off houses, walls hurled down, strongly braced smoke stacks picked up and chimneys demolished.

Twelve school buildings were damaged. Many pupils had remarkable escapes, but none were seriously hurt.

Firemen and policemen turned out to assist the people whose homes had been wrecked. So serious was the telephone service crippled that it was impossible to get connection with either the police or fire headquarters. No damage was done to boats on the lake.

The roof of the city tuberculosis sanitarium and the framework of the new exposition building were carried away.

Church Wrecked by Tornado.
Ashtabula, Ohio, April 22.—Two were killed, a dozen persons injured, and much property damaged in a ten-minute tornado which struck Ashtabula and vicinity yesterday.

R. T. Woodworth sought refuge in the sheds of St. Matthews' Episcopal church, Plymouth, and was caught when the church crumbled before the gale. He was killed outright. The church was totally wrecked.

DYNAMITE POWERLESS TO BREAK GREAT ICE FLOES AT NIAGARA

Fort Niagara, April 22.—Great ice floes still lock the mouth of Niagara gorge, despite efforts to break them with dynamite. A charge of 100 lbs was discharged this morning, but only had the effect of blowing slush into the air from whence it settled back into the hole again. More attempts will be made this afternoon by dynamite experts to blow the jam away, acting with the approval of the war department. The jam is 60 feet high and twelve miles long.

Residents along the banks, from Queenstown to Lake Ontario, are panic stricken, fearing not so much a further rise in the river as the sudden breaking of the dam. The ice, which has uprooted huge trees and carried away docks and boat houses, would, in a sudden rush, raise acres of territory along the upper banks of the river.

FANATICISM SPREADS FAST

SITUATION IN ASIATIC TURKEY
IS NOW DISTINCTLY
THREATENING.

TEN THOUSAND MASSACRED

GOVERNMENT SENDS URGENT
DEMANDS THAT RIOTS BE
PUT DOWN.

SULTAN TO STAY ON THRONE

POWERS OF RULER WILL BE
MUCH MORE RESTRICTED
THAN BEFORE.

Constantinople, April 22.—The situation in Asiatic Turkey is distinctly threatening. The wave of fanaticism which originated at Adana some ten days ago and found expression in the killing of Christians is spreading generally. More than ten thousand Armenians have been massacred in Syrian towns and villages during the outbreaks of fanatical zeal that took place at the time of the spring festival in honor of Mohammed and upon receipt of the news of the overturn of the heretical government.

One embassy places the killed as high as fifteen thousand. The government has sent urgent demands that the riots be put down and the leaders punished.

A dispatch says that the Albanian town of Hadjim is beleaguered by Moslem tribesmen who are awaiting strength to rush the defenses. A message from Antioch, filed April 19, says that murder and plunder are still going on. Tarsus reports a better situation and martial law has been declared. Aleppo reports the situation of Americans as dangerous but none is reported killed.

Entire Town Wiped Out.
Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, April 22.—The entire population of Kirikan, located between here and Alexandretta, has been massacred even to the last babe. The French mission at Ekbase, is besieged by fanatical Moslems. The Armenian village of Deurtal is surrounded and it is reported that the situation is hopeless. Buildings on the edge of the town are in flames.

American Women in Danger.
Beirut, April 22.—Five American women missionaries are in danger in Hadjim, in Vilayet Adana, Asiatic Turkey. One of them has sent a message to the coast asking for immediate help. The women are entirely alone and defenseless. The villages are in flames and Hadjim is infested by somad tribes.

Messages from the interior are being suppressed by the authorities. The situation in the country north, east and west of Alexandretta is serious. Many have been massacred and

manations have pillaged Antioch and there are riots at Hiseik. Business is at a standstill and the city is full of Arabs, Kurds and Circassians. At Ayns, 418 murderers have been released from prison. They joined the mob and began depredations.

Ten Thousand Slain.
Constantinople, April 22.—According to advices received from Asiatic Turkey, 10,000 Armenians have been massacred at Adana and in the vicinity of that city.

Murder May Be Alive.
London, April 22.—A message from Tarsus says, "R. M. Rogers was killed. The others are safe." This communication is taken to indicate that Henry Maurer, reported killed at the same time as Rogers, may be alive and not dead.

Sultan to Remain.
Constantinople, April 22.—The sultan of Turkey and the chiefs of the constitutional party have reached an agreement under the terms of which his majesty remains sovereign of the empire, but under powers more restricted than before the palace conspiracy of April 13. No agreement was reached between the committee of union and progress and the authorities regarding the sultan until 1 o'clock. The government may go on with the sultan as head for an indefinite time.

Negotiations On.
Constantinople, April 22.—Negotiations are proceeding this morning between Nazim Pasha, commander of the first army corps, which garrisons the capital and the commanding army of investment on the following points: The disbandment of 500 time expired men in Constantinople and their replacement with Saloniki troops; the punishment of the soldiers concerned in the riots and the polling of the capital by Macedonian gendarmes.

RECEIVER CAN EMPLOY NONE BUT UNION MEN

St. Smith, Ark., April 22.—Judge J. V. Bourland issued a court order yesterday, probably without precedent, in appointing a receiver for the Hiawatha Smokeless Coal company of Coaldale, Ark. he ordered that the receiver should employ none but union men or sell it. Judge Bourland is judge of the chancery court and at a banquet of the Arkansas State Federation of Labor some months ago, stated that he would never grant an injunction against a labor union in the interests of corporations.

TEACHERS PETITION FOR HIGHER SALARIES

To the Honorable Board of Education,
East Las Vegas, N. M.
Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, teachers in the public schools of East Las Vegas, do petition your honorable body for a raise in salary for the coming year.

In many New Mexico towns the salaries are larger and living expenses not any higher than in Las Vegas.

Several towns paying larger salaries are Albuquerque, Gallup and Raton. Albuquerque has raised the salaries with pay during vacations and Gallup and Raton pay seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per school month (20 days).

Hoping that you will recognize the justice of our petition, we are,

Respectfully yours,
ELBA D. STONEROD,
LOYOLA DILLON,
IRENE S. WHITMORE,
LAURA HALLOCK,
GRACE B. HALL,
LIDA G. VASSE,
MINNIE I. KOHN,
LOUISE SPORLEDER,
HELEN PAPPEN,
D. M. PAINE,
CORNELIA MURRAY.

Forestry Appointments.

Washington, April 22.—The forest service has just announced the following appointments on national forests in this district:

John B. Wright, assistant forest ranger on the Crook national forest; Fortman G. Hanna, forest guard on the Tonto national forest; W. B. Patterson, forest guard trapper on the Carson national forest, and George P. Bucklar, forest guard on the Cocopah national forest.

TEDDY GOES TO INLAND POINTS

LEAVES THIS AFTERNOON FOR
AFRICAN RANCH OF SIR
ALFRED PEASE.

ENTERTAIN PARTY AT DINNER

RESIDENTS OF MOMBASA GIVE
EX-PRESIDENT GREAT
WELCOME.

ROOSEVELT MAKES ADDRESS

PAYS TRIBUTE TO ENERGY OF
PEOPLE OF BRITISH
EAST AFRICA.

Mombasa, April 22.—Roosevelt and the members of his party are leaving Mombasa at 2:30 o'clock this morning for the Kaplan plains station, where they will be conveyed to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, on the Athi river. Sir Alfred is there awaiting his guests. The party will remain at the ranch a week, making it a base for shooting operations and then move on to Naivasha.

Roosevelt, Kermit, Edmund Heller, S. C. Selous and R. F. Cunningham, general manager of the expedition, were entertained at dinner last night by the members of the Mombasa club. Acting Governor Jackson proposed the health of the former president. When Roosevelt rose to reply he was greeted with full Highland musical honors.

He paid tribute to the people for their energies in civilizing the uncivilized places of the world. He said he was surprised at the progress of British east Africa. He warned his hearers that they could not expect to accomplish in a short time what had required Americans twenty generations to accomplish. He expressed his pleasure at the welcome given him by the British cruiser Pandora, whose rails and masts were manned with cheering sailors when the Admiral came into port.

Selous expressed the hope that Roosevelt would use his power in the future to bring about an entente between Great Britain and Germany.

Roosevelt and party left this afternoon for the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease. Roosevelt telegraphed King Edward, thanking him for his message of greeting.

A guard of honor from Pandera was at the railroad station when the Roosevelt party arrived. The station was decorated with flags. Roosevelt spent the morning at the government house. From Mombasa Roosevelt sent a cablegram thanking Emperor William.

RESULTS PROMISED FROM TREE PLANTING

A. S. Peck, district chief of planting of the U. S. forest service, arrived at Hotel Castaneda in East Las Vegas last night from Santa Fe, being joined here by W. D. Hayes, in charge of the government nurseries on the upper Gallinas. Both officials have just returned from a trip to Taos, N. M. The work of planting in that part of the territory has been in progress for several weeks, but is now being held up by snow, which covers the ground to a depth of eight inches. In all, over 5,000 trees were planted. As soon as the snow disappears, work will be rushed in the tree planting line, it being the intention to set out over 6,000 trees north of Taos.

The experimental tree planting now being carried on by the government in New Mexico, through the forest service department, has attracted considerable attention and is arousing a great deal of interest. Thousands and thousands of yellow pine trees are being set out in different parts of the territory with the hope that the experiment will bear such results as to justify continual planting on a much larger scale.